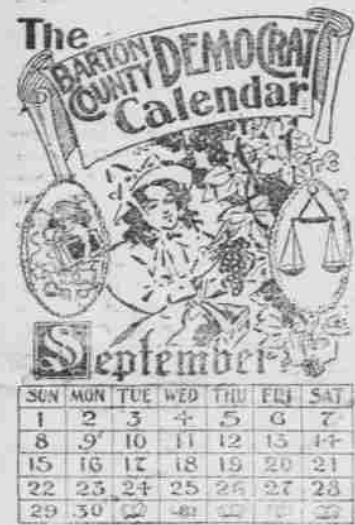


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Hereafter, in order to secure insertion of advertisements same week publication is desired, copy for ads must be in this office by noon on Monday.

Every mechanic in Great Bend is busy.

Tuesday was pay day on the Missouri Pacific.

Sol Degen of Holsington was in town Friday.

Will Shockey was on the sick list this week.

Will the coming woman be "one of the boys?"

J. W. Quick of Perry, Ok., is a guest of D. T. Armstrong.

Miss Anna Gilmore visited friends in Ellinwood last week.

Charley Presl returned last week from his visit to New York.

Grant Adams of Olathe was here the last of the week on business.

September was a record breaker for heat—the hottest ever known.

Dickinson county democracy declared for free coinage at 16 to 1.

Mayor Matt Dick and Charley Bacon of Ellinwood were here on Thursday.

G. L. Chapman and C. A. Swartz breast the wind to St. John last Friday.

S. R. Gates, who is in the nursery business, made a trip to Nickerson last week.

Hicks was about right when he said September weather would be "hot stuff."

John Dickson returned Saturday from a two weeks business trip to Colorado.

Pension Agent Sloan was here on business with the soldier boys on Saturday.

Mrs. W. D. Gould is enjoying a visit from her mother, Mrs. White, of Jacksonville, Ill.

Frank Wilson, who was formerly with the Walnut Creek mills, is here from Illinois.

Those who "keep in the middle of the road" are likely to get stuck in the mud this year.

A nine pound boy was born to Will Plister and wife of the north side on September 11.

Now is the time for merchants to contract for fall advertising space in the Democrat.

In these sweltering hot days a dog's breath comes like the "new woman" in short pants.

James Norris, living five miles west, went to Nickerson Saturday to look for a job on the road.

L. F. Dinwiddie went to Kansas City last Thursday to make his home with a son who is there.

Two pairs of steel rimmed spectacles, in black cases, left at the postoffice are awaiting the owners.

Duck hunting seems to be a popular sport now, and some of the hunters come home well loaded.

Miss Daisy Taminlin was taken to the Ossawatimie asylum last Thursday, her father accompanying her.

Hon. Sam Hale of La Crosse spent a few hours in the city last Friday evening, enroute home from Larned.

A man who doesn't appreciate these beautiful mornings will kick on the celestial arrangements in heaven.

Mrs. M. M. Meek and son Eddie returned last Friday from a visit to Mrs. McCarthy at Andover, Butler county.

New corn was sold this week at 16 cents per bushel.

C. B. Gillis went to Colorado Monday night on business.

Harry Holmes took the third degree in masonry last week.

Great Bend is the thirty-eight city of Kansas in population.

Dan Osborn (colored) of Argentine, is visiting friends here.

Miss Lottie Cliff will spend the winter with relatives in Illinois.

Mrs. Ed. Shannfelt is home from her Wisconsin and Emporia visit.

The temperature fell from 90 degrees to 80 degrees in twenty-four hours.

Mrs. J. A. Rehn returned Tuesday morning from her visit to Missouri.

J. W. A. Cooke, the handsome north side journalist, was in town Tuesday.

The soldiers reunion in this city on October 5 promises to be a grand affair.

J. A. Townsend left yesterday morning for a visit at Paola and Kansas City.

The people of this county will just toll in pumpkin pie and apple sass this winter.

Ernest Whaley of Holsington spent Saturday and Sunday in town visiting friends.

H. T. Taylor and son Ralph of Larned were in the city Tuesday on business.

Judge Townsley returned Monday night from a fortnight's visit with old scenes in Missouri.

Alex Davie and family (colored) left Saturday for Davenport, Ia., where they will reside in future.

The first frost of the season came Sunday night, exterminating the tender varieties of garden sass.

Nimrods are bagging ducks in large numbers, thirty and forty being a common haul for a trip to the bottoms.

Mrs. R. A. Allison is enjoying a visit from her sisters, Mrs. Bland and Miss Ruth Goode, of Mitchell, Kansas.

Joe Trollett made a business trip into the north country last week in the interest of his popular cigar factory.

Rev. A. M. Barrett will preach his final discourse as pastor of the Presbyterian church next Sabbath evening.

Will Bunting is home from a months business tour in eastern Kansas in the interest of the Collier Publishing company.

Dick Gilman returned Tuesday from Cascade, Col., where he went in charge of Dave Helzer's household goods.

Operator Beardsley of the Santa Fe, accompanied by his wife, attended the wedding of his sister at Offerle on Monday.

The Western association ball season closed Saturday with Indianapolis in first place, St. Paul second and Kansas City third.

Miss Florence Poole, after attending the Daughters of the King convention at Topeka, went on to St. Louis for a few weeks visit.

Frank Patterson came back from Burlington yesterday. He says it is a mistake about him engaging in the hotel business there.

Postmaster Stoke is having the postoffice walls newly frescoed. The job is in plain white and gives the room a more cheerful appearance.

The second nine and a picked nine of colored lads played a six inning game on Saturday, the score resulting 9 to 2 in favor of the white folks.

Prof. Daum entertained the graduating class of the High school last Friday night and a peep was taken at the heavens through the class telescope.

Ed Winterburg is working in the mines at Juneau, on the south-east coast of Alaska. He says it is a cheerless country and not a desirable place to live.

We regret to learn that Mrs. Ed Teed of Hutchinson has suffered a stroke of paralysis and is almost entirely helpless. We trust the affliction is not permanent.

R. B. Warren has sold his local insurance business to E. R. Hotchkiss. Mr. Warren will devote all his time to two or three companies for which he is special agent.

Among those from this city who will take in the Priests of Pallas parade at Kansas City next week will be George M. Moss, J. A. Rehn, J. A. Townsley, Ernest Bolinger and Sid Newcombe.

BENEATH THE WHEELS!

Sad Accident That Befell Stanley Siddorn at Holsington.

Run Over by a Switch Engine—Both Legs Amputated—Engineer Ferguson Killed in a Week Near Marquette.

Last Saturday afternoon shortly after 1 o'clock there occurred in the town of Holsington one of those appalling accidents that makes the heart of man quail at its recital.

Stanley Siddorn, aged about 17 years, son of Mrs. Nellie Crocker, and grandson of John Typer, fell under a Missouri Pacific switch engine and was taken therefrom in a condition that necessitated the amputation of both legs.

As near as we can learn the awful accident occurred in this wise: Yardmaster Jack Clark and crew were switching in the yards and were backing up on the stock yards track. Clark and Stanley Siddorn were standing on the step in the rear of the tender and holding on to the hand rail. For some reason young Siddorn wished to pass Clark on the step and reached around him to secure a new hold on the hand rail; his foot slipped and an insecure grip caused him to fall onto the track. By a superhuman effort he threw his body from the track but the rear wheels of the tender passed over his legs. Engineer Jessup stopped the engine almost instantly and as soon as possible tender hands lifted Stanley out and bore him to his home at the Typer House. We will pass over the heartrending grief of a loving mother and sister and the aged grandparents. G. L. Koch was on hand almost immediately, but was unable to perform the amputation which he at once saw was necessary, without surgical assistance. Engineer Jessup at once started for Great Bend and made the run in fifteen minutes. A telegram had preceded him, and A. H. Connett, surgeon for the company, and R. P. Typer, uncle of the unfortunate boy, were soon in the cab and speeding back toward Holsington at the rate of almost a mile a minute. Stanley stood the operation remarkably well. His right leg was amputated three inches above the ankle and the left leg about three inches below the knee.

Stanley Siddorn was born in Great Bend and is well known to almost every person here. He is an intelligent boy and a great favorite with everybody, especially with the railroad men, whose especial protégée he seemed to be. Stanley was very ambitious to be a railroad man and put in much of his spare time around the railroad yards. The blow falls especially hard upon his widowed mother and grand parents whose solace for him in years ago he was just beginning to reciprocate.

As we go to press we learn that he is resting easy.

Engineer Ferguson Killed.

A freight wreck that resulted in the death of the engineer occurred on the Missouri Pacific road a short distance east of Marquette at two o'clock on Sunday morning, September 22. A work train was west bound in charge of Engineer Ferguson and Fireman Hart and while making a speed of about seventeen miles an hour struck three steers, that were lying on the track. The engine struck the animals and was thrown crosswise of the track, five cars piling onto it. Engineer Ferguson was crushed under the debris and it is presumed was instantly killed. Fireman Hart was severely bruised internally and at last accounts was in a precarious condition. The balance of the train crew escaped serious injury. As soon as word was received of the wreck at Council Grove a relief train was dispatched to the scene of the disaster, but it required almost twenty-four hours of incessant toil before the dead body of Engineer Ferguson could be released from the wreck. The dead man was married and lived at Council Grove. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and carried other life insurance. Hart's family also reside at Council Grove. Ferguson was well known at Holsington and was considered one of the most efficient men in the service.

If anything of interest is happening in Barton county you are sure to learn of it through the DEMOCRAT—for \$1 a year, cash in advance.

Dr. Davison is reported quite ill.

William Hossack went west Monday on business.

Fred Zutavern and family Sundayed in Ellinwood.

Cone, photographer, is now located at Dodge City.

Miss Ada Eppstein is back from her Emporia visit.

E. C. Edwards of Emporia was in our city Saturday.

Henry Tyler came in Sunday from the eastern part of the state.

Pete Connelly of Beaver township came in from the strip Monday.

Section Foreman Kitchen has been assigned to the Rush Center division.

Look up the reduced rates offered by the Santa Fe to points east and west.

Dr. Shaw Sundayed in Hutchinson, where his daughter, Vida, was visiting.

Ira Brougher came in Tuesday night from the Louisville encampment and a tour in the south.

J. J. Winterburg attended a Sunday school picnic at Elmdale last Saturday and reports a fine time.

W. M. Gage and wife and N. S. Hays and wife are attending the Grand Army encampment at Salina.

The hot weather has had a very depressing effect on Judge McCorkle. He is almost out of practice in kissing a bride.

E. R. Moses of this city has been elected chairman of the executive committee of the national irrigation congress.

Owing to the cold wave the colored Methodists did not hold divine services in the park Sunday, as they contemplated.

The weather previous to Saturday was oppressive and debilitating. Since that time it has been frigid and exhilarating.

The cold wave Sunday morning was highly appreciated. The hot spell had made people believe we were not far from snow.

Mrs. Ed Crail visited Mrs. T. J. Flint a few days last week while enroute to her home in Pueblo from a visit at Emporia.

A. H. Luper of Larned, who has represented Pawnee county in the legislature for several terms, wants to succeed Milt Brown as senator.

W. A. Brodie was down from Beaver township Saturday and made us a pleasant call. He says corn is not so good in his locality as in other parts of the county.

Improved farm machinery is forging to the front. It is claimed that two men, with the latest improved corn harvester, can cut about 300 shocks of corn per day.

Independence (Mo.) Blade: Ed Marx, a prominent business man of Great Bend, Kansas, enroute to St. Louis, spent Sunday with W. E. Carr, of the Blade.

Last week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday the thermometer registered over 100 degrees above zero, and the heat was almost unbearable if a person was in the sun.

It might not be out of place to call the attention of the various township trustees to the fire guard law which was enacted last winter and which should be rigidly enforced.

Larned Eagle-Optic: Attorney E. B. Smith of Great Bend was in this city Wednesday taking depositions in the Larned-Great Bend National banks cases before Notary A. A. Sharp.

If there is anything in the saying that "the devil is the only gainer when a hypocrite joins the church," his satanic majesty must feel very much elated over the returns from Great Bend.

Marshal Ewalt arrested Alice Stover last Friday on a charge of keeping a house of ill fame and she had a hearing on Monday before Police Judge Gunnell. The case was continued until tomorrow (Friday).

The report of the Wells-Fargo company shows that company last year paid the Santa Fe railroad company \$1,380,000 for the use of express cars and the privilege of doing business on that line of road.

J. A. Johnston, south of the river, captures the year's subscription prize offered by the DEMOCRAT for the largest watermelon. It weighed 55 pounds, was raised by irrigation and was the finest we have seen this year.

A. W. Towler writes from Newberg, Ore., that he made a mistake in leaving Barton county, and will be back as soon as he can get here.

Henry J. Klein returned from Denver last Thursday, where he had been to place his son, Walter, under surgical care. The operation was very successful. Mr. Klein will go out after him next Monday.

"Dad" McCracken returned last Friday night from McPherson and Kingman counties, after an unsuccessful quest for peaches. The wind storm played havoc with the crop and "Dad" returned with nary a peach.

It is rumored that a change will be made in the Santa Fe time card about October 1st, whereby Nos. 7 and 8 will be through trains, No. 3 will go over the cut off and No. 1 over the main line, as formerly.

The round house employees at Holsington are rejoicing over the announcement that wages are to be advanced on December 1. Business on the road is picking up and at present every extra man is working full time.

The DEMOCRAT once a week and the New York World three times a week one year for \$1.70. The World is larger than any semi-weekly or weekly published, eighteen pages, eight columns wide every week. For thirty days only.

Some men try advertising as the Indian tried feathers. He took one feather, laid it on a board and slept on it all night. In the morning he remarked: "White man says feathers keep soft; white man d—d fool!"—Printers Ink.

Fish Warden D. C. Luse last week received a consignment of 600 of rainbow trout which were turned loose in the Walnut. This fish is very hardy and a great breeder and some gamey sport is in store for piscatorial cranks next season.

The ball game at Hutchinson Saturday, between the traveling men of that town and Wichita, resulted in favor of Wichita, the score being 29 to 28. The wind was very high and a slight tail would send the ball so far that nearly everybody made home runs.

A race between Lee Worthington's mare and Herman Welch's horse came off at the Aber track last Saturday for a \$10 purse, the distance being a half mile. Welch's horse led up to the stretch, when it flew the track, giving the race to the Worthington horse.

J. W. Pfeffer, a prominent farmer of Rooks county, accompanied by his wife, have been in the city several days. Mr. Pfeffer is an extensive irrigation farmer and believes that this whole Arkansas valley will one day be densely populated and will prove to be the most valuable part of Kansas.

Holsington Dispatch: Railroad trainmen are making big wages this month, extra brakemen are counting on \$100 checks. They are kept going almost all the time. Miss Emma Colgrove died at her home in the north west part of the county Tuesday night after a lingering illness.

We notice that the new corn harvester is a bad piece of machinery to fool with. In running through our exchanges this week we noticed where several horses were ruined and a man or two badly injured by having their horses run away and being thrown in front of the knife and badly cut.

Elmer E. Carnine and Miss Alice Beardsley were married at the home of bride's parents in Offerle, Kans., last Sunday. The groom is Santa Fe agent at Talmage, Kansas, and the bride a sister of Operator Beardsley of this city. Mr. Carnine and wife are visiting Mr. Beardsley and bride today.

An old and esteemed subscriber recently said, after paying up arrears and one year in advance: "Stop my paper when the time paid for expires. If I want it again I will come in and pay in advance." That is the most satisfactory system on which a paper can be run. The DEMOCRAT is \$1.00 per year if paid in advance and \$1.50 per year if not paid in advance.

Word was received at the eleventh hour on Tuesday that the Ellinwood clerks could not get here for the ball game. This is the third time the boys have failed to materialize, doubtless deeming it policy to quit while their reputation is good. The message on Tuesday stated that "five of the players were sick," doubtless a lucky occurrence, as the whole nine would have been sick had the game come off.

Will Yates and Earl Baldwin of Larned passed through Tuesday on bicycles enroute to Kansas City to attend the parade.

A luscious baked ham, placed in the rear end of the Bon Ton bakery to cool, was "swiped" Monday evening, presumably by a tramp. Jackson hopes the party won't founder on it.

The biggest liar on earth told a story about a storm recently. He says the wind blew the bark out of his dog, the teeth out of his harrow, the bars out of his wire on the fence, the hole out of the hollow log, spokes from his buggy wheels, took one side of his whiskers and one of the wheels out of his head.

Our colored people celebrated the anniversary of the emancipation proclamation in this city Saturday, and despite the disagreeable weather there was a good turnout. Judge E. C. Cole delivered the oration, and was followed by W. E. Gladden with a short speech. At night a dance was given at Stauffer's hall.

Ernest Smith of Pawnee Rock was in town Monday and ordered stationery for the firm of Smith & Nichols, Ernest and T. P. Nichols having formed a co-partnership in the grocery and meat business at Pawnee Rock. Being both good business men and having an extensive acquaintance throughout the surrounding country, we predict success for this team of enterprising young hustlers.

Entering a barber shop the other day a Great Bend man requested the polite tonsorial artist to remove his luxuriant mutton-chop whiskers, stating as a supplement to the request that in sacrificing these hirsute appendages he was violating an oath he made with himself the time James G. Blaine ran for president, when he swore he would never shave clean again until Blaine is elected; and he almost fell out of the chair when the barber fervently inquired: "Oh, indeed! And do you think Blaine will surely be elected this fall?"

For three years now the 23rd of September has been very decidedly cooler than the weather for a week before—15 or 20 degrees colder; but this is the first time we have had a killing frost in September for at least seven years. The earliest killing frost before this was October 4, 1891. The average date of the first killing frost is October 14, and of the first light frost the average is September 27. In 1889 we had a light frost on September 25 but no killing frost until October 27. The earliest light frost here in eight years was September 13, 1890, while in 1893 we had no frost of any kind until October 13.

Wonder if people will waste the great corn crop, or rush it off to market at a nominal price as was done in 1889. It will be remembered that in that year of wonderful-year-corn it sold from twelve to fifteen cents a bushel up to March 1, 1890. Railroads were blocked with the enormous loads of it. Emergency rates were made in order to get it to market. Warehouses overflowed in all the grain centers so that word was sent out to ship no more. There was a craze to sell; and yet before corn grew again the price was forty to fifty cents a bushel. Farmers should remember that lesson and remember the two past years of failure. Rush the corn in good dry cribs. Don't rush it off at a sacrifice rate such as is liable to prevail in the next six months.

Following are arrivals at Hotel Greene for past week: C. E. Walle, Kansas City; S. I. Hale, La Crosse; Henry Little, Topeka; T. L. Ewan, Kansas City; Robert Johnson, Cherryvale; H. G. Hoffman, Kansas City; J. M. Stauffer, Scottsdale, Pa.; John Hulse, Kansas City; J. E. Tressler, Peabody; Frank Carhuft, Scranton; F. H. Coulter, St. Joe; F. Dumont Smith, Kinsey; M. P. Ryan, St. Joe; C. W. Sharp, Topeka; Miss Mittie Britt, La Crosse; J. Mullins, Nickerson; L. D. Roedel, Chicago; George H. Lloyd, Wichita; B. L. Udell, St. Louis; W. L. Ganf, Kansas City; L. C. Potter, Kansas City; C. H. Kohler, Enterprise; Theo Hackett, A. L. Casey, Kansas City; J. H. Lamsney, G. L. Adams, Olathe; H. J. Ferguson, Hutchinson; T. C. Houston, Nevada; B. Ladis, Ellinwood; E. E. Pearce, M. Benjamin, Kansas City; Charles D. Sloan, Hutchinson; J. Flahelm, Chicago; S. Carey, Hutchinson; E. C. Edwards, Emporia; H. Langfield, Ellinwood; A. H. Arter, Topeka; E. C. Fitch, Susie Miller, May Miller, Kansas City; F. A. Telford, New York; B. F. Wilson, Ellinwood; T. E. Smith, Savanna, Mo.; I. N. Blackmore, H. Enlow, W. S. Enlow, Kansas City.

Why Is This Truly?

While perusing a copy of Prof. McKinney's fine little school paper, the School Visitor, it occurred to me that the cause of education, which is the grandest underlying hope of the nation, has one defect. This is the cheerless, barren, barolike structures we call school houses. Take a drive through the country and the houses are all of one style—cigar box shape and uninviting and barren in their surroundings. It is some better in the towns, but even there the surroundings are not slightly. Why is there not more architectural beauty in our buildings, more paint, more flowers and trees with more beauty and color everywhere? Let the monotonous school house be varied in architectural design, with gables, stained glass, and modern improvements, let trees grow and put in grass plots and flower beds and brighten up things.

Olmits, Kan. VENTURA.

LEGAL GRIET.

JUSTICE JENNISON.

25—State vs. D. O. Gray, charged with assault and disturbing the peace, plead guilty and fined \$5 and costs.

192—Farmers and Merchants bank vs. J. F. Byram; confession of judgment, \$55.

193—Phillip Pope vs. Henry Bitner, forcible detainer, trial 27th.

DISTRICT COURT CASES FILED.

3694—Henry Thies vs. M. K. Hooper and C. A. Hooper, foreclosure.

3695—Dr. L. Durand vs. Carrie Durand, divorce.

3696—T. G. Lyons vs. John Welch, on note.

3697—Holsington State Bank vs. A. S. Cooke and B. F. Smith, on note.

3698—E. Seamon and J. F. Seamon vs. First National Bank of Great Bend, account.

3699—State vs. L. M. Krause et al., suit to recover on bond.

Real Estate Transfers for the Week.

Daniel W. Haley to the Financial association, sw § 20-17-14; quit claim.

George S. Chadbourne, executor, to C. E. Gibson, lot 18, block 78 and lots 11 and 12, block 58, Great Bend; quit claim.

C. L. Moses to W. G. Merritt, lots 7 and 8, block 5, Moses Bros. addition to Great Bend; warranty deed.

Bernhard Unruh to William C. Fitch, n. § of se. § 9-20-15; warranty deed.

John Boyle to Anthony Haines, se. § 19-16-12; warranty deed.

L. S. Jenisch to A. Wondora, ne. § of 11-17-12; warranty deed.

Francis L. Gunn to William Eastmiller, se. § 20-19-14.

Mrs. A. E. Biddleman to C. Samuels, sw § 11-20-13; warranty deed.

Henry Schugert to Amalia Schugert, ne. § 31-17-14; warranty deed.

Joseph Leighty to Petersburg Savings Bank, lots 10, 11 and 12, block 53, Helzer Park addition to Great Bend; warranty deed.

The City Schools.

The following table shows the enrollment in the various grades of the city schools:

Grade	High	Low
J. A. Brady	50	50
Miss Chase	40	40
Miss Chase	30	30
Mrs. Snyder	20	20
Miss Nimocks	10	10
Miss Day	10	10
Mrs. Parker	10	10
Mrs. Swartz	10	10
Miss Woodward	10	10
Miss Hossack	10	10
Miss Clark	10	10
Miss Elmhurst	10	10
Miss Volmer	10	10
Miss Morgan	10	10
Total pupils enrolled	500	500

Teachers' Association Program, Oct. 5.

Motion. "New occasions teach new duties, time makes ancient good uncouth."

1. Music.

2. "Meditation," chapters 1 and 2, by J. A. Brady.

3. General discussion, led by Rita Frey.

4. "Philosophy of Teaching," pages 1 to 25, by E. B. Smith.

5. General discussion, led by Esther Williams.

6. Recitation.

7. "Model Recitation in Language," by Mrs. Belle Wood.

8. Paper, "Snowbound," by Mrs. M. G. Baldwin.

9. "Needed School Legislation," by F. G. McKinney.

10. General discussion, led by N. F. Daum.

11. Music.

12. "Model Class in Penmanship," by Myrtle Kettell.

13. Round Table Talk, conducted by A. W. Hamilton.